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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/840,205	<b>Applicant(s)</b> BANAS ET AL.	
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Date of Interview: 01 July 2009.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic    b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant    2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes    e) ☒ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1,2 and 17.

Identification of prior art discussed: Palmaz (WO 01/74274), Goicoechea (5383927).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant argued that Palmaz stent structure could not be combined with the graft teaching of Goicoechea because the stent structure of Palmaz is expandable where the graft structure of Goicoechea is not. Examiner argued that the teachings of Palmaz to use any known stent design include the undulating plastic structure of Goicoechea.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Suba Ganesan/ Examiner, Art Unit 3774	
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